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Claims searched: 1-22

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Patents Act 1977: Search Report under Section 17

Documents considered to be relevant:

Category	Relevant to claims	Identity of document and passage or figure of particular relevance
X	1, 12 at least	JP2001222514 A (NTT COMWARE) See WPI Abstract Accession No 2001-593135 [67].
A	-	GB 2369537 A (YANG) See figure 4.
A	-	US 6304894 B1 (NAKAYAMA et al) See whole document.

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Search of GB, EP, WO & US patent documents classified in the following areas of the UKC^w :

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The following online and other databases have been used in the preparation of this search report

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Novelty & Inventive step

1. The invention as defined in claims 1, 10, 12 and 21 is not new because it has already been disclosed in the following document:

JP 2001-222514 A (NTT COMWARE CORP.) See the online abstract.

2. In JP '514 a server application registers with a naming bridge/service (or broker) using its allocated (public) reference IOR. The client is then able to access the server application (or service) using this standard reference (or naming convention). The arrangement allows for inter-program client/server communication and appears to satisfy the terms of claims 1, 10, 12 and 21.

3. Restricting access to a server by authenticating a client is standard practice. Thus claims 11 and 22 are considered obvious in light of JP '514.

Clarity

4. Claims 12-22 are directed towards a single server computing device but go on to define the invention in terms of both the server computing device and the client computing device. Given that the invention is concerned with the connection of a client device to a server device, it does not appear appropriate to attempt to define the invention in terms of only one of these devices.

5. The reference to "the client" in claims 15 and 19 lacks an antecedent.